

# TRAIN RUNS WILD; KILLS FOUR

## CRASHES INTO MONTREAL STATION WAITING ROOM.

Engineer and Fireman of Boston Express Disabled, Locomotive Speeds On With No Hand at the Throttle—Dead and Injured Were in the Waiting Crowd.

MONTREAL, March 17.—Flying under a full head of steam, without either engineer or fireman, the Canadian Pacific Railroad Boston express crashed into the Windsor station to-day. As a result four persons are dead and eleven are injured.

It was one of the most extraordinary accidents in the history of Montreal railroading. Probably it will never be satisfactorily explained, as the engineer of the train is at the point of death and the fireman is unable to say exactly what happened.

All the man remembers before he rolled out of the cab, is that something went off with a bang. It is supposed a steam pipe broke out. The train never slackened and for half a mile the wheels held on. Then he, too, suffering terrible agony, fell from the flying engine to the inside of the track, where he was found later.

Nothing out of the way happened to the train until it left Westmount. About that time the passengers noticed the great speed, but they were not alarmed. The distance to Montreal being but a few miles the catastrophe approached with terrible suddenness. One of the trainmen on finally convinced that something was wrong, sprang for the airbrakes and the engine speed was reduced for fifty to twenty miles an hour before it struck the switches of the Windsor station.

The engine and cars went on like mad along the siding. They smashed into the pillars before them. Many persons were waiting at the station for the arrival of friends and it was among them that the casualties occurred.

They were pinned down by the falling beams and crushed to death. None of the passengers on the train was injured.

A pathetic feature of the accident is that Mrs. W. J. Nixon had gone to the station to meet her husband, who followed her eight months had been employed as train despatcher at Medicine Hat. The Western train being late, did not arrive until half an hour after the Boston express. Nixon, on arriving, heard of the accident, but being told there were no deaths went home. There he found that his wife and two children had been killed. The station men had been rushed back and found their bodies at the Morgue.

The powerful seventy ton engine kept everything down before it. It was traveling at about 100 miles an hour and shot. It was wholly inside the main waiting room before it stopped. It pulled the train as far in as space permitted. The engine and cars were preserved, and for two hours ambulances, horse wagons, doctors, priests and clergymen tended the dead and dying. The dead were:

Villiers, Elsie, 1000 Marquette street, Montreal 12 years.  
Mrs. 143 Ash avenue, 22 years.  
Daughter of the Nixons, 10 years old, and son 15 years old.  
The damage is estimated at from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

### Collector Leeb to Be a Doer.

Charles R. Norman, president of the Maritime Association of the directors of the exchange were presented yesterday to William Leeb, Jr., Collector of the Port, by Grovesnor B. Clarkson, a member of the exchange and a son of Gen. Clarkson. Surrounded by the President Norman assured the new Collector of the cordial support of the Maritime Association. Mr. Leeb responded by stating that he had his assistant, Mr. Alfred Campbell, try to "find out what not to do, but to discover what to do and then do it."

William G. McLeod, president of the Hudson's Bay and North-Western Company, gave a luncheon for Mr. Leeb yesterday.